

## **Proceedings of the Public Safety Committee October 16, 2019**

Members Present:           Councilor Elm  
                                  Councilor Sutherland

Others Present:        Chief Gordon, Chief Alexander

Councilor Sutherland called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and noted that roll call was taken by sign up.

Approval of minutes: July 17, 2019

*Motion by Councilor Elm, seconded by Councilor Sutherland and carried to approve the Public Safety meeting minutes from July 17, 2019.*

### **Standing Agenda items:**

#### 1. Fire Department Update

Chief Gordon talked about the department's camera system and how beneficial the cameras could be in various circumstances, incidents. The system was used during the recent suspicious device incident. Chief Gordon also said they just got an updated hiring list through the Police & Fire Commission. Currently the department has two openings. The Chief said he anticipates two retirements near the end of the year. He anticipates four openings at the start of the year, so they are moving forward with trying to fill these positions.

#### 2. Police Department Update

Chief Alexander said in the past month we have had several promotions including Detective Michelle Lear into the Lieutenant of Investigations position. We have three retirements that we know of in early part of 2020. We intend to hire two to get into the recruit school beginning in January, and hopefully another one or two shortly after that. A new hiring process will likely take place next fall. Chief Alexander said that we are waiting for specifications, recommendations and cost of a city-wide camera system to bring back to the committee. Events during October include the Spooktakular, we will have some presence at that event. It's also Domestic Violence Awareness month so the Courthouse is lit up purple at night in support of that. This Saturday there is a breakfast at Applebees, and CASDA gets part of the proceeds from that event, and there is a fundraising bowling tournament on Sunday.

*Motion by Councilor Elm, seconded by Councilor Sutherland and carried to receive and file the Police & Fire Department updates.*

### **New Business**

#### 1. School Safety Week

Councilor Sutherland talked about several schools that have traffic issues and congestion. He asked Chief Alexander if we can have a bigger police presence around schools next week. Chief Alexander said we can

certainly assign extra patrol in some of these areas that are known for traffic congestion, and ask liaison officers at the schools to be aware of these traffic concerns and possibly conduct some traffic control. Chief Alexander also said we can raise awareness with public service announcements on social media.

*Motion by Councilor Elm, seconded by Councilor Sutherland and carried to receive and file school safety week.*

2. Mission statement

*No action*

*Meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.*